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Gov. Perdue Announces Some North Carolina Farmers Eligible for Federal Disaster Assistance

U.S. Agriculture Secretary declares natural disaster after excessive rain and flooding in recent months caused significant crop losses

Raleigh – Gov. Perdue today announced that U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack has designated much of Eastern North Carolina as a disaster area after excessive rain and flooding in recent months caused significant crop losses. The designation allows eligible farmers to be considered for Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency loans and the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE).

“We must protect our farmers, their livelihoods, and the jobs they create and sustain throughout tough times,” said Gov. Perdue. “Our farmers are the backbone of rural economies all over North Carolina.”

Thirteen North Carolina counties were named primary natural disaster areas: Camden, Carteret, Craven, Currituck, Durham, Granville, Green, New Hanover, Onslow, Orange, Pasquotank, Pender and Washington counties. In addition, 26 counties were named contiguous natural disaster areas: Alamance, Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Caswell, Chatham, Columbus, Dare, Duplin, Franklin, Gates, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Pamlico, Perquimans, Person, Pitt, Sampson, Tyrrell, Vance, Wake, Wayne and Wilson counties.

Gov. Perdue requested the disaster declaration on Feb. 18 after Loss Assessment Reports (LARs) from the 13 primary counties reflected a 30 percent or greater loss of at least one major crop. In particular, soybean, cotton and wheat crops have been affected.